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2102, PERMAFROST RELATED PROBLEMS POSED BY THE CONSTRUCTION
OF PIPELINES, ROADS, AND OTHER ENGINEERING PROJECTS .

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 17 FEB-
RUARY TO DR. IVANTSOV, MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION IN GAS AND
OIL INDUSTRY, MOSCOW, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

2. 02.05-2102 17 FEBRUARY, 1978

DR. IVANTSOV
MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION IN GAS AND OIL INDUSTRY
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MOSCOW 101854 USSR

DEAR DR. IVANTSOV:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR MEETING IN MOSCOW ON 2 FEBRUARY,
OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU WILL ACT AS ACTIVITY COORDIN-
ATOR FOR WHAT IS NOW ACTIVITY 02.05-2102, PERMAFROST

RELATED PROBLEMS POSED BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PIPELINES, ROADS AND OTHER ENGINEERING PROJECTS UNDER

UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU WILL ALSO BE COORDINATING THOSE PORTIONS OF THE EXCHANGES THAT WILL INCLUDE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PERMAFROST INSTITUTE AT YAKUTSK.

FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE CABLING YOU REGARDING A MATTER NEEDING PROMPT ATTENTION IN OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

3. IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IT WAS STATED THAT "BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE EXCHANGES ON COMPUTER DATA AND MODELLING METHODS AS RELATED TO HEAT TRANSFER PROCESSES BETWEEN THE ATMOSPHERE, ACTIVE LAYER AND PERMAFROST GROUND. THE SOVIET SIDE WILL EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF TWO U.S. SPECIALISTS VISITING THE USSR IN THE FIRST OR SECOND QUARTER OF 1978 FOR UP TO 30 DAYS (ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS) AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ONE OR TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS VISITING THE U.S. FOR ONE MONTH." DR. SAM OUTCALT, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, WHO HAS BEEN CONDUCTING MUCH OF THE EFFORT IN THIS FIELD FOR THE U.S. SIDE WILL BE ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN WEST GERMANY IN EARLY MARCH. HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE USSR MARCH 8TH FOR 10 DAYS IM-

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MEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE. HIS TRAVEL IN THE USSR WOULD BE LIMITED TO MOSCOW WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PERMAFROST INSTITUTE AT YAKUTSK (IF AVAILABLE) AND WITH SPECIALISTS FROM MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY INCLUDING KUDRYAVTSEV AND STAFF. AS THE TIME FACTOR IS CRITICAL HERE, WE NEED AN IMMEDIATE REPLY AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS VISIT.

4. IN RELATION TO THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS, THE U.S. SIDE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DR. N.A. GRAVE VISIT THE U.S. FOR THIRTY DAYS IN JUNE, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL PERMAFROST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CANADA IN EARLY JULY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WOULD BE FOR GRAVE TO WORK WITH JERRY BROWN TO COMPLETE THEIR JOINT PUBLICATION AND TO VISIT ALASKA TO CLEAR UP DETAILS CONNECTED WITH OUR JOINT WORK. THE U.S. SIDE WOULD ACCEPT GRAVE ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS. WE WOULD NEED A RESPONSE ASAP FOR PROGRAM PLANNING.

5. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR DR. OUTCALT TO VISIT THE USSR IN MARCH, IT WOULD BE DESIREABLE FOR A SOVIET SPECIALIST IN COMPUTER MODELLING TO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF

MICHIGAN AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE U.S. AT THE SAME TIME
DR. GRAVE WILL BE VISITING THIS COUNTRY. THE VISIT OF
THIS SPECIALIST WILL ALSO BE ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS

BASIS.

6. DR. OSCAR FERRIANS, U.S. COORDINATOR FOR OUR JOINT
STUDY OF PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION HAS PROPOSED THAT THE
SOVIET DELEGATION OF 4-6 SPECIALISTS ARRIVE IN THE U.S.
FOR A 19-DAY VISIT IN APRIL ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS.
THE TRIP ITINERARY WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE ONE PREVIOUSLY
DEVELOPED. IT FOLLOWS:

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - NORTHWEST GAS PIPELINE COMPANY FOR
DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ALCAN GAS PIPELINE FROM PRUDHOE
BAY TO LOWER 48 STATES.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA - ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY;
ALYESKA PIPELINE OFFICE.

PRUDHOE BAY, ALASKA - PRUDHOE BAY OIL FIELD; PUMP STATION
NUMBER ONE; NORTHERNMOST SECTION OF TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE;
FLY TO GULKANA VIA ANCHORAGE.

GULKANA, ALASKA - SECTIONS OF THE TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE;
PUMP STATION; TRAVEL BY BUS TO VALDEZ.

VALDEZ, ALASKA - OIL PIPELINE TERMINAL STATION. FLY TO
BOSTON VIA ANCHORAGE AND SAN FRANCISCO. FLY TO HANOVER,
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE - COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING LABORATORY. FLY TO NEW YORK CITY FOR DEPAR-
TURE TO MOSCOW.

COMMERCIAL OPEN TICKETING IS NEEDED AS FOLLOWS: WASH-
INGTON, D.C.-COLUMBUS, OHIO-SALT LAKE CITY,UTAH-ANCHORAGE,
ALASKA-PRUDHOE BAY, ALASKA-ANCHORAGE-GULKANA, ALASKA-
VALDEZ,ALASKA-ANCHORAGE-SAN FRANCISCO-BOSTON-HANOVER,
NEW HAMPSHIRE-NEW YORK CITY-MOSCOW.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW ASAP IF THIS SCHEDULE IS AGREE-
ABLE TO SOVIET SIDE. PLEASE CABLE NAMES OF SOVIET
DELEGATION MEMBERS.

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WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS PER PERSON TO EXCEED 30 DOLLARS PER DAY.

7. THE U.S. SIDE IS ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM ENTITLED ENGINEERING PROBLEMS AND THE

PROBLEMS POSED BY CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PIPELINES IN NORTHERN CONDITIONS. DURING OUR MOSCOW MEETING THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED NOVEMBER 1978 FOR THE SYMPOSIUM. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SPECIALISTS. DETAILS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM COULD BE WORKED OUT DURING THE VISIT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO THE U.S. PLEASE INFORM US ASAP IF APRIL VISIT TO U.S. IS ACCEPTABLE AND SPECIFY EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PLANS. SINCERELY, R. SKOOG. VANCE

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